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AN ACT

CREATING AN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE.

1. The Alzheimer's disease task force is established. The task force shall consist of the following members:

a. The joint chairpersons of the legislative health and human services appropriations subcommittee and the chairs of the human resources standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives.

b. The following members appointed by the governor:

- (1) One person with Alzheimer's disease.
- (2) One caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease.
- (3) A representative of the nursing facility industry.
- (4) A representative of the assisted living industry.
- (5) A representative of the adult day services industry.
- (6) A representative of the health care provider community.
- (7) A person who conducts Alzheimer's disease research.
- (8) A representative of the Alzheimer's association.
- (9) A representative of Iowa AARP.
- (10) A licensed health care provider specializing in the practice of gerontology.

c. The director, or the director's designee, of each of the following agencies:

- (1) The department of elder affairs.
- (2) The department of human services.
- (3) The department of public health.
- (4) The department of workforce development.
- (5) The department of inspections and appeals.

2. The department of elder affairs shall convene the task force and provide necessary administrative support for the task force.

3. The task force shall assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders on the residents of the state; examine the existing industries, services, and resources addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders, their families, and their caregivers; and develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to this public health crisis.

4. The task force shall include an examination of the following in its assessment and recommendations:

a. Trends in the state's population of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders and the needs of such persons including but not limited to:

- (1) The state role in long-term care, family caregiver support, and assistance to persons with early-stage and early onset of Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.
- (2) State policy regarding persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

b. Existing services, resources, and capacity including but not limited to:

- (1) The type, cost, and availability of dementia services.
- (2) Dementia-specific training requirements for long-term care staff.
- (3) Quality care measures for residential care facilities.
- (4) The capacity of public safety and law enforcement agencies to respond to persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

(5) The availability of home and community-based resources for persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders and respite care to assist families.

(6) An inventory of long-term care dementia care units.

(7) The adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with behavior disorders associated with Alzheimer's disease and related

dementia.

(8) Assisted living residential options for persons with

dementia.

3 4 (9) State support of research of Alzheimer's disease and
3 5 related disorders through the state's institutions of higher
3 6 education and other resources.

3 7 c. Needed state policies or responses including but not
3 8 limited to directions for the provision of clear and
3 9 coordinated services and support to persons and families
3 10 living with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders, and
3 11 strategies to address any identified gaps in services.

3 12 5. All meetings of the task force shall comply with
3 13 chapter 21 and the task force shall utilize technological
3 14 means, such as webcasts, to gather feedback on its discussions
3 15 and recommendations from persons and families affected by
3 16 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and from the general
3 17 public.

3 18 6. The task force shall submit a report of its findings
3 19 and date-specific recommendations to the general assembly and
3 20 the governor in the form of a state Alzheimer's disease and
3 21 related disorders plan by January 1, 2008. The task force
3 22 shall be dissolved upon the submission of the plan.

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3 26 JOHN P. KIBBIE
3 27 President of the Senate

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3 31 PATRICK J. MURPHY
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3 34 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and

3 35 is known as Senate File 489, Eighty-second General Assembly.

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4 5 Secretary of the Senate

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